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SUBMITTAL OF EXECUTED DECLARATION with NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

Applicant herewith submits an executed Declaration to complete the requirements of filing an application in the U.S. Patent Office. This application has received a NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b). This application was originally filed on June 14, 2000 and was given the U.S. Serial No. 09/826,357. A check for the statutory fee in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted herewith.

Applicants have attached a copy of the Petition to Consider Correspondence filed which clearly indicates that 2 pages of drawings, including Figures 1-3 were, in fact, filed with the originally filed application. Applicants respectfully request that these drawings be accorded the filing date indicated in the event of a favorable response to the petition. A check in the amount of \$20.00 is enclosed to complete



Respectfully submitted,

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ATM SWITCHING EQUIPMENT HAVING A SWITCHING NETWORK

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Dear Sir:

Applicants file this petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10(e) or, in the alternative, under 37 CFR 1.183.

Statement of Facts

The above-identified (and attached) utility patent application was originally filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 14, 2000 as evidenced by the attached copy of the Express Mail Label Number EL568799959US, and as further evidenced by the attached copy of the United States Postal Service Tracking Confirmation showing delivery on June 15, 2000.

After the associated postcard had not been returned in a reasonable time, Applicants contacted the OIPE for a status inquiry—the OIPE stated that Applicants should resubmit all papers, including evidence that the application had been properly mailed on the date alleged using Express Mail.

Applicants complied and resubmitted all documents on November 28, 2000. These papers were also lost. A third (hand) delivery of these documents resulted in a successful receipt of a serial number and a filing date. However, the filing date accorded the application was the date of the third submission. April 5, 2001.

Applicants submit with this petition:

- 1. A copy of the Express Mail mailing label used to submit the original application;
- 2. The originally deposited papers that constitute the correspondence showing the Express Mail number on them;
- 3. A USPS tracking confirmation showing a pick-up on June 14, 2000, and delivery on June 15, 2000; and





4. The petition fee indicated under 1.17(h) required by 37 CFR 1.183.

The original deposit of the correspondence and the copies of the correspondence contained herein are identical. The copy of the Express Mail mailing label and the official notation entered by the USPS are true copies.

Applicants note that this petition was not filed immediately after an awareness that the Office had no evidence of receipt of the correspondence due to the instructions given by the OIPE during the status check of the pending application. Applicants thus petition in the alternative under 37 CFR 1.183, and include the petition fee set forth in 1.17(h). Applicants request, however, that this fee be refunded as the error in losing the submitted documents lies with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS THAT:

- 1) THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED WITH THIS PETITION BE CONSIDERED AS FILED IN THE OFFICE ON THE USPS DEPOSIT DATE OF JUNE 14, 2000, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE;
- 2) THE FILING DATE OF THE PRESENT APPLICATION ON FILE, WHICH IS IDENTICAL TO THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED WITH THIS PETITION, BE CHANGED TO JUNE 14, 2000.

Applicants believe that all requirements have been met with this petition, and respectfully request that the petition be granted.

It is believed that the included fee is adequate for this petition; however, if the Commissioner finds that an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to account no. 50-1519.

Respectfully submitted,

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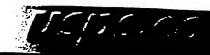
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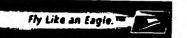
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Proposed Patent Application for RALF HAFERBECK and STEFAN SCHNEEBERGER entitled "ATM SWITCHING EQUIPMENT HAVING A SWITCHING NETWORK", consisting of specification, claims, 2 sheets of informal drawings, and Government Filing Fee, Attorney Docket No. P00,1277

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SIR:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 4 claims, 2 sheets of informal drawings and filing fee on behalf of RALF HAFERBECK and STEFAN SCHNEEBERGER and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

Respectfully submitted,

(Reg. No. 28,982)

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